

VON MOLTKE DEAD.

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A cablegram from Berlin announces that Count von Moltke is dead. He attended the session of the Reichstag during the last afternoon of his life. His death was extremely sudden, and the physicians who were summoned announced that it was caused by failure of the heart. He died at 9:45 P. M., passing away quietly and painlessly. The news of the Count's unexpected death caused great sorrow in Berlin.

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Bismarck alone remains of the great trio which gave imperial Germany her greatness. And the "iron man" of war and peace rests in the obscurity of a country estate, stripped of power. In the death of Count von Moltke—the "silent one"—Germany loses her greatest general, and the science of warfare its greatest exponent of strategy. During the threatened days of the terrible struggle with France, von Moltke was the man upon whom Emperor William relied, and in whom centered the hopes of the people of the Fatherland.

Count von Moltke was born October 26, 1800, in the town of Parsdorf. Soon after his birth his parents moved to Lubek, where he was educated. He was a member of the Prussian army in 1818, and the family then went to Augustshof, in Holstein. There the future famous Field Marshal spent his boyhood and youth.

He begged his King to grant him three months' pay as "travel money." "If His Majesty will concede my request," wrote von Moltke, "I trust that I shall acquire such knowledge and capacity in the Prussian service as shall be unable me to repay the King and Denmark."

His Majesty refused this modest request, and von Moltke left the Danish service forever.

He entered the Prussian service at the age of twenty-two. In 1832 he was appointed on the general staff and in 1835 he was allowed to go to Turkey for the purpose of reorganizing the Turkish army.

In 1839 he took part in the Syrian campaign against Mahomet Ali of Egypt, and at the close of the war he returned to Prussia.

After spending some time in travel he was appointed Chief of the Grand General Staff of the Prussian Army in 1838 and Lieutenant-General in 1850. During the Austro-Italian War in 1859 he spent much time with the Emperor, and his brilliant strategy which he found useful in after years, and in 1864, when the war against Denmark broke out, he formed the plan of campaign and assisted in its execution.

When war with France was declared against Germany, he thought that von Moltke could claim the credit of a great victory. It was said of him that when he first heard the news he was in bed and he roused himself for a moment and said to the messenger: "Oh, very well; the third portfolio is left." It was not until he had found all the necessary plans for the impending campaign.

Bismarck tells a characteristic story of von Moltke in the decisive battle of Sedan, when victory was dubious for hours. Bismarck, tormented by doubt and fears to the result, rode to the side of Moltke, who sat silent on his black horse. His gaze was intent on the struggle and it was impossible to attract his attention. The great Chancellor had a little case in his pocket containing two cigars, one of choice and the other of inferior quality. He offered the better one to Moltke, who, without speaking, carefully examined the two cigars and took the good one without a word of thanks. But Bismarck understood him, and putting spurs to his horse, returned to the front. He thought that von Moltke could claim the credit of a great victory.

It is said that no one ever saw Moltke excited. At Sedan he was the coolest man on the entire field, although the whole responsibility rested on him, with the fate of the two greatest nations in Europe awaiting decision on the cannon's mouth. His intellect was cold and scientific, more constructive than creative. Nothing was left to chance or accident. Everything was provided for, and his plans were so flexible that they could be changed in an instant to meet any unforeseen emergency.

For his services in this war with France von Moltke was created a Count and appointed Chief Marshal of the German Empire, and in 1873 was made a life member in the Upper House of the Reichstag. From this time on Count von Moltke devoted himself to his studies and to the teaching of military tactics to the young officers and soldiers of the German Army. He attended to his duties in Parliament, but seldom showed any interest in matters not connected with military affairs.

His declining years have been spent in the quiet home life he loved so well, and his surroundings formed the peaceful twilight of a busy life. He was born with the century, and has been one of its greatest characters. His memory will live forever in the hearts of his countrymen as one of the greatest of soldiers, a scholar and a statesman.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Eastern and Middle States.

An abandoned woman, found murdered and horribly mutilated in a Water street garage, was identified as "Jack the Ripper," the butcher of Whitechapel, was at large in New York City. The police have a description of the murderer.

Two Italian laborers were killed and four others seriously injured in a railroad collision near Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. MARTHA HALL, aged sixty-five, of Lowell, Mass., who had one leg and her nose broken and her spine injured in the Old Colony Railroad accident at Quincy, was awarded \$11,000 by the arbitrator.

WALTER TICE, twenty years old, and Charles Christie, aged eighteen years of South Camden, N. J., were drowned in the Delaware River. They were in a sailboat with twelve other young men.

JOHN POWERS and John Bulger were fatally shot on the streets of Newark, N. J., by Michael Ross, an Italian.

EX-PARK COMMISSIONER STEARNS, of Brooklyn, a veteran of the war and commander of Harry Lee Post, G. A. R., committed suicide by stabbing himself through the heart, his last breath was fifty years ago, and for several months he had been suffering with insomnia.

A LAMP, suspended from the ceiling in the house of Mrs. John Conrad, at Fort Washington, Penn., exploded, fatally injuring Mrs. Conrad and two daughters, aged fourteen years and twenty-one months respectively.

SOME unknown person broke into the stable of Jacob Kermer, near Murrayville, Pa., the other night and poisoned and impounded stallions valued at \$10,000, and then cut up the carriages and harness.

HARRISVILLE, N. Y., a thriving village on the route into the Adirondack forest, was practically destroyed by fire, the loss being estimated at \$100,000.

DEADLY J. ELLERY PIPER, a wealthy resident of Hyde Park, Mass., was killed a few days ago by a train.

THE Centre Block in Franklin, Penn., was destroyed by fire. The losses aggregate \$100,000, partially insured, and the largest fire that has occurred there for years.

South and West.

THE Detroit (Mich.) Street Car Company backed down. It appointed two lawyers to confer with the strikers' committee, and they agreed to the demands of the men. The city proposes a holiday appearance in consequence.

CHIEF OF CONSTRUCTION BUREAU, of the World's Fair, Chicago, Ill., appointed C. B. Atwood, of New York, designer-in-chief.

NELSON BRAY, a desperado awaiting trial for arson and burglary, was shot through the head and killed at the jail here, while attempting to escape at Versailles, Ky.

WAITES MARTIN, colored, was hanged in the jail yard at Columbia, S. C., for the murder of Alice McLean, a white woman. Mrs. McLean was executed at Pickens, S. C., for the murder of Jake Griffin. Edmund Holloway, also colored, was hanged at Manning, S. C., for the murder of John W. Dubose, white.

MRS. BETTY HARRISON EASTON, sister of President Harrison, was mortally injured, and Miss Moore, her niece, badly shaken up near Cleves, Hamilton County, Ohio, by a buggy accident.

GENERAL H. P. VAN CLEVELAND died in his home near St. Paul, Minn. He was born in Princeton, N. J., on November 23, 1809, was educated at the United States Military Academy and served with distinction in the Civil War.

MRS. JOSEPHINE BARNABY, widow of J. B. Barnaby, of Boston, who died suddenly at the Michigan Cigar Company's factory, near Michigan's big concrete dam, Detroit, Mich., struck, and was smashing everything they could lay their hands on when the police appeared. The strikers then attacked the steel and spring works, to compel the employees to work in the latter raised, however, and a pitched battle ensued, ending in the withdrawal of the strikers.

TURNKEY TREASURER shot two prisoners who were attempting to escape from jail at Monroe, Mich., killing one instantly and fatally wounding the other.

THE Traders and Farmers' Bank of Montgomery City, Mo., is closed, and the cashier, Captain H. W. Covington, has disappeared, leaving a shortage in his accounts of \$9000.

IN the Methodist Church at Burlington, N. C., the parson dropped the pulpit floor and died in the midst of his sermon. He was the Rev. R. R. Hicks. He had about half finished his sermon when he suddenly turned very pale, ceased talking, and sank down to believe the pulpit.

MAYOR WASHINGTON's first official act on entering upon his duties was to issue an order to the Police Department to close up every gambling house in Chicago.

BUSINESS at Zanesville, Ohio, is paralyzed, owing to a general strike in the building trades.

PONCHO, the famous Piate Indian, who piloted General Fremont across the Sierra Nevada, died a few days ago at the Pyramid reservation in California. Poncho was a Mexican veteran and wore a bronze medal pinned to his breast.

A SERIOUS wreck occurred on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Gathersburg, Md. A west bound express train ran into an open switch and into a side tracked freight train. Two postal clerks and several passengers were killed.

Washington.

SUPERINTENDING WORKER, of the Census Bureau, published a bulletin on the relative economy of cable, electric and animal motive power for street railways. It states that electricity is cheaper than cables or horses for street railways.

SENATOR MAXWELL, of Galvan, formerly Minister to Washington from San Domingo, has returned to the Capital in the capacity of a special Commissioner to endeavor to negotiate a reciprocity agreement between San Domingo and the United States.

BUILDING INSPECTOR ESTWICK reported to the District Commissioners that it will cost about \$50,000 thoroughly to repair and reconstruct the Shoreham, Vice-President Morton's hotel, the stairways of which are badly decayed. The hotel will have to be closed for several months.

JUDGE ELIAS S. TERRY died at his residence in Washington, aged eighty-four years. He came of a Huguenot family which settled in South Carolina. Judge Terry was born in Charleston.

THE 10 per cent bonus redeemed by the United States Treasury amount to a total of \$16,055,500.

COMMODORE FOLGER, Chief of the Naval Bureau of Ordnance, has just completed the preliminary arrangements with the Dupont Powder Company for the erection at Newport, R. I., of a plant for the manufacture of gunpowder. The Duponts will erect the plant free of expense to the Government according to the naval designs, and are preparing to make the new smokeless powder in large quantity.

S. D. MILLER, the son of the Attorney-General, has been ordered to the place lately vacated by Mr. Tolson, Chief of the Division of Requisitions and Accounts of the War Department, and has been designated as his private secretary by Secretary Proctor.

THE convention of the Association of Medical Superintendents of Insane Asylums began at the Arlington Hotel in Washington.

THE Chinese Government has informed the Government of the United States, through the Department of State, of its unwillingness to give the Chinese Consuls at San Francisco, as Minister to China from the United States.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL MILLER has received the report of District Attorney Grant at New Orleans on the killing of the Italians in the Parish Prison there last month. He immediately sent the report to Secretary Blaine.

Foreign.

THE miners' strike at Dortmund has assumed gigantic proportions. Ten thousand men are out.

DISASTROUS rain storms and floods have visited Peru.

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